IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-43 were originally filed.

No claims are cancelled.

No claims are added.

Claims 1, 3-29, and 43 are amended without prejudice.

Accordingly, claims 1-43 are pending.

CLAIM LISTING

Please consider the following amendments to the claims of the present application as set forth below. In accordance with the PTO's revised amendment format, changes are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

1. (Currently amended) A method for synchronizing streaming content with enhancing content comprising ~~the following steps~~:

receiving an announcement on a monitored address containing information specifying how and when to receive upcoming enhancing content and being a ~~at least one of~~ broadcast ~~and~~ or a multicast, the announcement being sent at a time prior to sending the enhancing content, the enhancing content associated with the streaming content;

receiving the streaming content;

receiving the enhancing content according to the information contained in the announcement and at a time in synchronization with the streaming content; and

enhancing the streaming content with the enhancing content.

2.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the announcement contains parameters selected from a group comprising: a broadcast locator, a time

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when the corresponding enhancing content is to be sent, a protocol, an identity of

the streaming content that the enhancing content enhances, and a page that

contains a starting point for the enhancing content.

3.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the

enhancing content comprises triggers, and data files, the method further

comprising ~~the following steps~~:

receiving the data files; and

receiving the triggers at times in synchronization with the streaming

content, the triggers causing operations involving the data files in order too timely

introduce the enhancing content with the streaming content.

4.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the

enhancing content further comprises dependency files that contain instructions to

present content contained in the data files, the method further comprising ~~the step~~

~~of~~ delivering the data files together with the dependency files in a cabinet (CAB)

file format.

5.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the receiving

~~steps comprise the step of~~ <u>comprises</u> receiving the streaming content and the

enhancing content in a composite stream of one source.

6.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the receiving

<u>comprises</u> ~~steps comprise the following steps~~:

receiving the streaming content from a first source; and

receiving the enhancing content from a second source different from the

first source.

7.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising

~~the step of~~ displaying the enhancing content as a ticker.

8.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-

executable instructions for performing ~~the steps of~~ the method as recited in claim

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9.   (Currently amended) A method for synchronizing streaming content with

enhancing content comprising ~~the following steps~~:

    forming announcements containing information specifying a first address

and a time at which to receive upcoming triggers;

    sending the announcements by one of broadcast and multicast to a second

address;

    monitoring the second address to receive the announcements;

    filtering the announcements to retain selected announcements;

    monitoring the first address at the time specified in the selected

announcements to receive the triggers; and

    processing the triggers to coordinate presentation of the enhancing content

with the streaming content.

10.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the forming

~~step~~ comprises the step of creating an announcement to contain parameters

selected from a group comprising: a broadcast locator, a time when a

corresponding trigger is to be broadcast, a broadcast protocol, an identity of the

streaming content that the enhancing content enhances, and a page that contains a

starting point for the enhancing content.

11.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the

processing ~~step~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ receiving the enhancing content according to

a predetermined protocol and storing the enhancing content.

12.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the

processing ~~step~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ navigating within a container HTML page.

13.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the

processing ~~step~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ invoking a script within a container HTML

page.

14.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising

~~the step of~~ sending the enhancing content together with the triggers.

15.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising

~~the step of~~ delivering the streaming content, the enhancing content, and the

triggers from a same source.

16.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising

~~the following steps:~~

delivering the enhancing content from a first source; and

delivering the streaming content and the triggers from a second source

different from the first source.

17.　　(Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising

~~the step of~~ displaying the enhancing content together with the streaming content.

18.　　(Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the

enhancing content comprises a ticker, and further comprising ~~the following steps~~:

　　delivering triggers that contain items for the ticker;

　　displaying the ticker together with the streaming content; and

　　presenting the items from the triggers within the ticker.

19.　　(Currently amended) Computer-readable media distributed at a content

provider and a client and having computer-executable instructions for performing

~~the steps of~~ the method as recited in claim 9.

20.　　(Currently amended) A method comprising ~~the following steps~~:

　　displaying streaming content;

　　monitoring an announcement address to receive announcements pertaining

to enhancing content for enhancing the streaming content, the announcements

containing information that specify a trigger address and times at which to receive

upcoming triggers;

　　filtering the announcements to retain selected announcements;

　　storing the selected announcements;

monitoring the trigger address at the times specified in the selected

announcements to receive corresponding triggers; and

processing the triggers to cause one of the following events to occur: (1)

receive one or more data files having the enhancing content, or (2) utilize the

enhancing content in the data files to enhance the streaming content.

21.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 20, further comprising ~~the step of~~ caching the data files.

22.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 20, further comprising ~~the step of~~ presenting the streaming content and the enhancing content using an HTML page.

23.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 20, further comprising ~~the following steps~~:

using information from the trigger to invoke a script; and

executing the script to enhance the streaming content.

24.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 20, further comprising ~~the following steps~~:

receiving triggers that contain items for a ticker;

displaying the ticker together with the streaming content; and

presenting the items from the triggers within the ticker.

25.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-

executable instructions for performing ~~the steps of~~ the method as recited in claim 20.

26. (Currently amended) A method comprising ~~the following steps~~:

monitoring an IP (Internet Protocol) address to receive triggers <u>in synchronization with a streaming content, wherein enhancing content is associated with the streaming content</u>;

<u>receiving an announcement on a monitored address containing information specifying how and when to receive upcoming enhancing content, wherein</u> each trigger ~~containing~~ <u>contains</u> at least one item ~~for~~ <u>to be displayed on</u> a ticker;

forming an array of the items received in the triggers; and

displaying the array <u>of the items</u> within the ticker.

27. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising ~~the step of~~ receiving announcements at another IP address, the announcements being used to announce upcoming transmissions of the triggers.

28. (Currently amended) A computer-readable system having computer-executable instructions for ~~performing the following steps~~:

monitoring an announcement address to receive announcements pertaining to enhancing content for enhancing the streaming content, the announcements containing information that specify a trigger address and a time at which to receive upcoming triggers;

filtering the announcements to retain selected announcements;

monitoring the trigger IP address at the time specified in one of the selected

announcements to receive a corresponding trigger; and

processing the trigger to cause utilization of the enhancing content to enhance the streaming content.

29.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable system having computer-executable instructions for performing ~~the following steps~~:

monitoring an IP address to receive <u>enhancing content, wherein the enhancing content is received according to instructions contained in the announcement, and wherein the enhancing content comprises</u> triggers, each trigger containing at least one item; and

presenting a ticker that contains the items.

30.   (Previously presented) A system for synchronizing streaming content with enhancing content, comprising:

at least one content server;

a client;

the content server being configured to form announcements that contain information specifying an IP address and a time at which to receive upcoming triggers, the content server sending the announcements by at least one of broadcasting and multicasting to the client; and

the client being configured to receive the announcements and monitor the IP address at the time specified in the announcements to receive the triggers, the client processing the triggers to coordinate presentation of the enhancing content with the streaming content.

31.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 30, wherein the announcements contain parameters selected from a group comprising: a broadcast locator, a time when a corresponding trigger is to be broadcast, a broadcast protocol, an identity of the streaming content that the enhancing content enhances, and a page that contains a starting point for the enhancing content.

32.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 30, wherein the client receives the enhancing content according to a predetermined protocol and caches the enhancing content.

33.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 30, wherein the client uses information from the trigger to navigate within a container HTML page.

34.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 30, wherein the client uses information from the trigger to invoke a script within a container HTML page.

35.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 30, wherein the content server delivers the streaming content, the enhancing content, and the triggers.

36.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 30, wherein the content server delivers the enhancing content and the triggers, and further comprising a second content server to deliver the streaming content.

37.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 30, wherein the triggers contain items for a ticker and the client displays the ticker together with the streaming

content.

38.   (Original) A client software architecture, comprising:

      a video control to play video content;

      a listener to monitor an announcement IP (Internet Protocol) address to receive announcements pertaining to enhancing content for enhancing the video content, the announcements containing information that specify a trigger IP address and times at which to receive upcoming triggers;

      the listener further monitoring the trigger IP address at the times specified by the announcements to receive corresponding triggers; and

      a rendering component to present the video content and to enhance the video content with the enhancing content according to instructions received in the triggers.

39.   (Original) A client software architecture as recited in claim 38, further comprising a storage to hold the announcements in correlation with an identity of the video content.

40.   (Original) A client software architecture as recited in claim 38, further comprising a cache to hold the enhancing content.

41.   (Original) A client software architecture as recited in claim 38, wherein the listener and video control are contained within an HTML page rendered by the rendering component.

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42. (Original) A client software architecture as recited in claim 41, wherein the HTML page also has one or more scripts to process the instructions contained in the triggers.

43. (Currently amended) A client software architecture, comprising:

a) a first code segment for monitoring a broadcast or multicast IP address to receive <u>enhancing content including</u> triggers <u>according to information contained in an announcement, wherein</u> each trigger <u>contains</u> ~~containing~~ at least one item for a ticker; and

b) a second code segment for rendering the ticker with the items received via the triggers.